

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 687

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; MAKING CERTAIN MILITARY DEPENDENTS OF
NEW MEXICO RESIDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR STATE-FUNDED FINANCIAL AID;
PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A NEW MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
TO CERTAIN MILITARY DEPENDENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA--RESIDENT MILITARY
DEPENDENTS.--

A. A New Mexico resident high school student who is
required to move out of state because the student's parent is a
member of the New Mexico national guard or a branch of the
armed forces of the United States and the parent is transferred
to an out-of-state location may receive a New Mexico high

.168761.2

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 school diploma under the following conditions:

2 (1) the student was a New Mexico resident and
3 was regularly enrolled in a New Mexico high school prior to the
4 parent being transferred to an out-of-state location;

5 (2) the student's parent notified the school
6 district of the move and that the parent and student were
7 retaining their New Mexico residency;

8 (3) the student transferred to and immediately
9 enrolled in a high school at the new location and received high
10 school credits that meet or exceed New Mexico's requirements
11 for graduation; and

12 (4) the student has not graduated from high
13 school or received a diploma, general educational development
14 certificate or any other certification of high school
15 completion or its equivalent.

16 B. A student who meets the conditions of Subsection
17 A of this section may request the New Mexico school district
18 from which the student transferred to grant a high school
19 diploma. The student shall include with the request for a New
20 Mexico high school diploma:

21 (1) certification by the parent, and the
22 student if over the age of eighteen, that the parent and
23 student maintained their New Mexico residency;

24 (2) a transcript from the high school the
25 student attended and a description of the course units to be

1 transferred; and

2 (3) any other information the school district
3 requires to review the request.

4 C. The school district shall review the student's
5 high school transcript from the school the student transferred
6 to and determine if the courses and grades meet or exceed New
7 Mexico's requirements for graduation. If the transcript meets
8 New Mexico standards, the school district shall grant the
9 student a high school diploma."

10 - 3 -

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25